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SUBJ: AIRCRAFT HIJACKING - SAETA

REF: QUITO 0341
QUITO 0342
GUAYAQUIL 0112
GUAYAQUIL 0114
STATE A-973, 5-16-74

1. THE FOL INFO UPDATES GUAYAQUIL 0114 AND IS KEYED TO A-973
ATTACHMENT:

22. TWO PISTOLS, A GRENADE AND STICK OF DYNAMITE.

23. CARRIED ABOARD AS ACCOMPANYING LUGGAGE

25. NO ONE DIRECTLY THREATENED OR INJURED

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27. MALE CAME TO FRONT OF PASSENGER SECTION WITH PISTOL AND
DYNAMITE AND ANNOUNCED PLANE BEING HIJACKED. WOMAN STOOD IN
AFT WITH PISTOL.

28. MALE RELAYED INSTRUCTIONS VERBALLY THROUGH STEWARDESSES
AND THROUGH INTERNAL VOICE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN AFT

DURING FLIGHT SPOKE DIRECTLY TO PILOT IN COCKPIT AND THROUGH COCKPIT /CONTROL TOWER/WALKIE-TALKIE PATCH TO AUTHORITIS AT GUAYAQUIL.

30. MALE TOLD PASSENGERS TO PUT HANDS OVER HEADS AND ASKED IF ANY PRIESTS ABOARD. NONE REPLIED. THEN TOLD STEWARDESS TO COLLECT PASSENGERS' IDENTIFICATION, ASKING SPECIFICALLY FOR "CEDULAS " (ECUADOREAN IDENTITY DOCUMENTS). THEN SAID THAT ALL WOMEN, CHILDREN AND OLD PEOPLE COULD DEPLANE IN GUAYAQUIL. ASKED FOR A MR. MANTILLA (DUVAL MANTILLA ON MANIFEST) AND TOLD HIM HE COULD DEPLANE ALSO. SAID SAME TO ANY MILITARY PERSONNEL (ONE RETIRED COLONEL AND ONE PAYMASTER, BOTH ECUADOREANS.) SAID THOSE FOREIGNERS WHOM THEY WOULD SPECIFY COULD DEPLANE ALSO.

31. NO REASONS GIVEN.

32. PASSENGERS AND CREW COMPLIED CALMLY AND PASSIVELY TO INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN.

CHIEF OF GUAYAQUIL 2ND AIR COMMAND, GOVERNOR OF GUAYAS PROVINCE, GUAYAS POLICE SUPERINTENDENT, AND OTHER AUTHORITIES IN GUAYAQUIL ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE HIJACKERS VIA WALKIE-TALKIE TO SURRENDER OR GIVE REASONS FOR HIJACKING. MALE RESPONDED ONLY BY ASKING FOR SOFT DRINKS AND SANDWICHES FOR HOSTAGES ABOARD.

35. ARMED PARATROOPERS STATIONED NEAR PLANE. ENTEBBE-TYPE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RAID ACTION, INCLUDING SHOOTING OF TIRES AND OPENING OF HATCH FROM BELOW PLANE COULD NOT BE COORDINATED. DECISION MADE TO TAKE NO ACTION BECAUSE OF IMPLIED THREAT OF DYNAMITING OF PLANE , PASSENGERS AND CREW.

36. HIJACKERS REMAINED ABOARD PLANE IN GUAYAQUIL. THOSE PASSENGERS RELEASED DEPARTED SINGLY AT APPROX 50 YARD INTERVALS WITH HANDS OVER HEADS, SOME CARRYING LUGGAGE. WALKED APPROX 500 YARDS TO INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS TERMINAL.

37. RELEASED PASSENGERS WERE KEPT IN INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS TERMINAL UNTIL PLANE DEPARTED. CREW REMAINED ABOARD.

42. A) WOMAN, NAME UNKNOWN BUT CALLED "MARCELA" OR " AMALIA" AND ALSO "COMPATRIOTA" BY MALE, PROBABLY ANDEAN , MIXED BLOOD, LONG DARK BROWN HAIR, FULL FACE, APPROX 5 FEET TALL, STOCKY, AGE APPROX 26. GUAYAQUIL 2ND AIR COMMAND REPORTS THAT HER TICKET PURCHASED IN NAME OF MYRIAM VERA, BUT NO CONFIRMATION OF TRUE NAME.

B) MALE, MIXED BLOOD, CALLED WILSON OR "WALTER VELASTEQUI" BY WOMAN M E

DIUM

CUT HAIR NO BOEARD OR MUSTACHE,
FULL FACE, APPROX 5 FEET 6 INCHES TALL, STOCKY, APPROX AGE 30
FAMILIAR WITH GUAYAQUIL, SINCE HE QUESTIONED ONE PASSENGER
WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION ABOUT NAME OF EMPLOYING FIRM IN GUAYAQUIL
AND ITS MANAGERS. LOCAL RADIO AND NEWSPAPER REPORTED (UNCONFIRMED)
THAT BOTH WERE UNDCUMENTED CHILEANS ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE ECUADOR.
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